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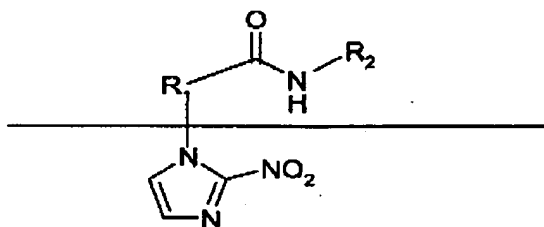
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## PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Claim 31 (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 6, wherein said coupling is a classical peptide coupling using a derivative of 2-(2-nitro-imidazol-1-yl) acetic acid having a in which the OH group of the carboxyl function in which OH has been replaced by a good leaving group

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